

# PHARMACY BOARD[657]

## Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 17.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 7, "Hospital Pharmacy Practice," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments authorize a hospital pharmacy to contract for remote order entry and medication order preview and verification with another licensed pharmacy to supplement hospital pharmacy services and to increase the availability of the pharmacist for involvement in cognitive and patient care activities.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the October 3, 2012, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 0372C**. The Board received written comments regarding the proposed amendments from two hospital pharmacists. One pharmacist voiced support for the proposed amendments, suggesting a unique circumstance when the remote preview and verification authorized by rule 657—7.7(155A) would be of value to the pharmacists and patients. The second pharmacist suggested amending the rule to ensure that a pharmacy using the services of another pharmacy for remote preview and verification services demonstrate the redirection of pharmacist services.

The adopted amendments differ from those published under Notice. Item 2 is changed by adding the following sentence at the end of the subrule: "The hospital pharmacy shall maintain records that demonstrate the directing of pharmacist activities to additional cognitive and patient care activities, and those records shall be available for inspection by the board or an agent of the board."

The amendments were approved during the November 9, 2012, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.13.

These amendments will become effective on January 16, 2013.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 657—7.7(155A), introductory paragraph, as follows:

**657—7.7(155A) Verification by remote pharmacist when pharmacy is closed.** A hospital pharmacy may contract with another pharmacy for remote pharmacist preview and verification of patient-specific drugs or devices ordered for a patient ~~when the hospital pharmacy is closed~~. Contracted services may include pharmacist order entry pursuant to subrule 7.8(3). Pharmacies entering into a contract or agreement pursuant to this rule shall comply with the following requirements:

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 7.7(1) as follows:

**7.7(1) Nonsupplanting service.** A contract or agreement for remote pharmacist services shall not relieve the hospital pharmacy from employing or contracting with a pharmacist to provide routine pharmacy services within the facility. The activities authorized by this rule are intended to supplement on-site hospital pharmacy services ~~when the pharmacy is closed~~ and are not intended to eliminate the need for an on-site hospital pharmacy or pharmacist. The activities authorized by this rule are intended to increase the availability of the pharmacist for involvement in cognitive and patient care activities when the pharmacy is open. The hospital pharmacy shall maintain records that demonstrate the directing of pharmacist activities to additional cognitive and patient care activities, and those records shall be available for inspection by the board or an agent of the board.

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